

Abraham Lincoln,  
President of the United States of America,



To His Majesty Kamehameha IV.

Great and Good Friend:

I have made choice of  
Mr. James M. Bristle, one of our distinguished  
citizens, to reside near the government of the  
Kingdom of Hawaii in the quality of Min-  
ister Resident of the United States of America.  
He is well informed of the relative interests of  
the two countries, and of our sincere desire  
to cultivate and strengthen the friendship  
and good correspondence between us, and  
from a knowledge of his fidelity, probity and  
good conduct, I have entire confidence that  
he will render himself acceptable to Your Majes-  
ty, by his constant endeavors to preserve and  
advance the interest and happiness of the two  
countries. I therefore request Your Majesty  
to receive him favorably and to give full credence  
to whatever he shall say to you on the part of  
the United States, and most of all when he shall



assure you of their friendship and wishes  
for the prosperity of Your Kingdom. And  
I pray God to have Your Majesty always  
in His safe and Holy keeping.

Written at the City of Washington the  
sixteenth day of March, in the year of our  
Lord one thousand eight hundred and  
sixty-three.

Your Good Friend,

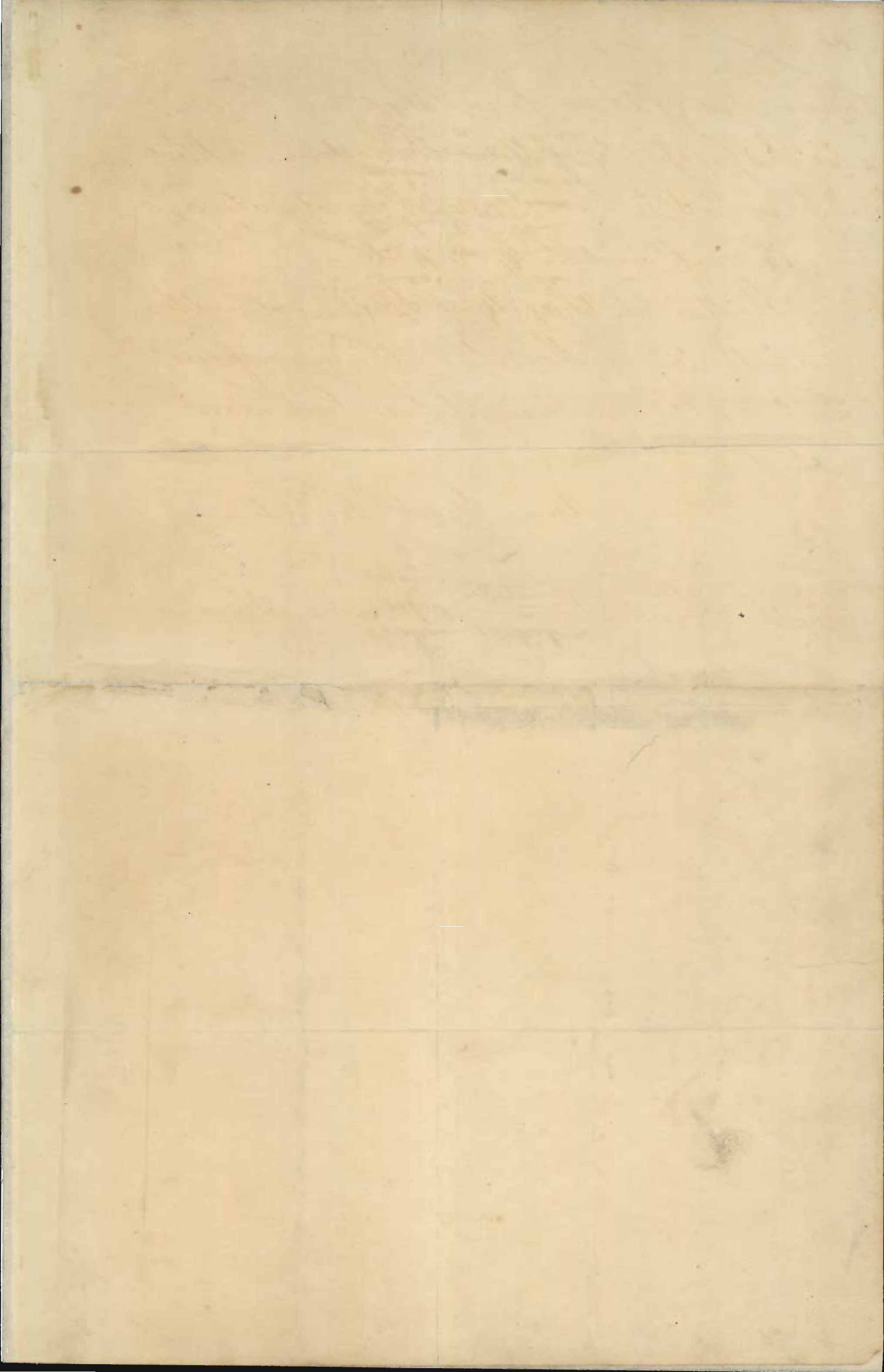
By the President:

Abraham Lincoln.

William H. Seward

Secretary of State.







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Abraham Lincoln  
President of the  
United States -  
16 March

This Commission to  
James McPhee  
as Minister  
Resident of the  
U. States, ~~and~~  
~~delivered~~ according  
to James McPhee  
Made as Minister  
Resident